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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on January 11, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 20-22 and 24-26, drawn to antibodies to EBI polypeptides, or hybridomas producing such antibodies, for prosecution. Applicant further elects subgroup A, EBI 1 polypeptides.

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